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LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT OF FISH
THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the losses incurred by the Government during the last three years due to dumping of fish on ships and loading centres;

(b) whether the Government have taken any initiative to prepare commercial products like protein concentrates, fish wafer, fish sauce, fish soup, fish-balls and fish-feed from the use of fish which available at cheaper rate;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR . DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a): No such case of losses due to dumping of fish on ships and loading centres has been reported during the last 3 years.

(b)&(c): Yes, Sir. Various measures have been taken to prepare commercial products like protein concentrates, fish wafer, fish sauce, fish soup, fish-balls and fish-feed by utilising low value fish through implementation of the following schemes:-

(i) Central sector scheme for post harvest technology and marketing through the Integrated Fisheries Project, Cochin under this Ministry;

(ii) Schemes for infrastructural facilities for processing, preservation and marketing of fish including utilization of low value fish to make value added products by Department of Food Processing Industries;

(iii) Development of transferable technologies for production of aforesaid commercial products by the Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Cochin, under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

(d): Does not arise.